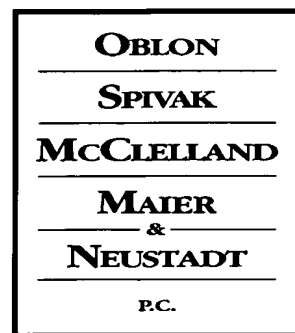




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CELL AND FLUOROPOLYMER

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: T. DOVE

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 27, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte;
- Group II: Claims 13-15, drawn to a liquid composition;
- Group III: Claims 16-18, drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte fuel cell;
- Group IV: Claim 19, drawn to a fluoropolymer;
- Group V: Claim 20, drawn to a fluoropolymer;
- Group VI: Claim 21, drawn to a fluoropolymer;
- Group VII: Claims 22 and 23 drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte membrane.